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Bundle experience suggested to market downtown Madison

BY BOB DEMAREE

Based on a suggestion at Monday's Jefferson County Board of Tourism meeting, local tourism officials may consider adopting a bundling concept to better market Madison's diverse business community to the thousands of tourists who visit annually.

The idea was suggested by board member Matt Chandler as way for people "to find your niche on Main Street" by combining various elements on

Main Street such as retail, antiquing, music, arts, and more. "I think there is opportunity for awareness to bundle some stuff to make it easier for the guest experience for what they're really looking for."

Chandler said bundling the various shopping, entertainment, dining and services Madison has to offer could drive more tourists to locate and visit local shops that are of interest to them specifically.

"There has been concern that people aren't spending in the shops on Main Street, but occupancy in hotels is still high and people are spending in restaurants for experienced-based things, but not as much on retail." So, the concept of creating a fashion district in downtown Madison was developed, collaborating together as women's, men's and children's boutiques.

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Ribberfest pre-sales up from last year

BY BOB DEMAREE

Jefferson County's busy festival season is approaching with next month's Ribberfest Barbeque & Blues festival kicking off almost weekly events through October and event coordinator Erin Kindle reported to Visit Madison Inc. that 804 wristbands have been sold so far for the barbecue and blues music festival.

Last year, 757 wristbands had been sold by the end of July out of the 3,373 wristbands sold overall for Ribberfest.

The 2024 Ribberfest, slated for Friday, Aug. 16, and Saturday, Aug. 17, will have the added boost of the American Cruise Lines docking its American Heritage paddle wheeler in Madison on that Friday. "That is something that we've never had before" during Ribberfest, said VMI Executive Director Andrew Forrester.

Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art coordinator Kara Hinze gave provided an update on that event which will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 28-29.

"We had a huge turnout for applications," said Hinze, noting there are 145 confirmed exhibitors with 76 more invited as well as a waiting list of 30. The payment deadline is at the end of this month. "We're shooting for 220" with the maximum capacity for exhibitors at 230.

Hinze said a jury of 11 reviewed the applications. "We had someone specializing in each medium so they can take a more educated look at those applicants. I feel the 30 that are on the wait list would be a good add, as well. Whatever we have, there is going to be quality" exhibitors at this year's Chautauqua.

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Evening Farmers Market



Photos by Bob Demaree

Misty Jacobs, of Hanover, and her daughter, Maddy Jacobs (far left), ask a question while shopping for flowers at Wednesday night's first-ever evening Madison Farmers Market at the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site. **See more photos on page A7.**



Cindy Griffin sorts through the selection of heirloom tomatoes by producer Splinter Ridge Farm during Wednesday's first-ever evening Madison Farmers Market, which offered locally-grown produce, food, craft items and music at the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site. The regular morning Farmers Market will be Saturday at the Broadway Fountain.



Marla Bontrager (left), of Countryside Foods in Canaan, makes a sale of baked goods to Laura Hodges, of Madison, during the Madison Farmers Market event on Wednesday evening at the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site. The first-ever evening market was held to gauge local interest in a nighttime Farmers Market since the market is normally held on Saturday mornings at the Broadway Fountain.

Tailgators brings new energy to hilltop

If the name Youngblood seems familiar to the Madison music scene, there's a good reason. Donald "Duck" Youngblood cut a wide and wild swath through our town back in the day, with his Jerry Lee Lewis persona and wicked chops on the piano. Now his nephew, Rob Youngblood, is looking to make his mark.

Rob is the new owner of what used to be L&L Lounge at the junction of Green Road and Cragmont, at the top of Hanging Rock Hill. He's named the revitalized establishment Tailgators, and when I asked him why, he replied "Because we needed a mascot!"

Rob is a talented artist, as



CHARLIE ROHLFING
CHARLIE'S BEAT

well as being born into a very musical family. You'll see his handiwork on the Tailgators sign out front, and all over the walls inside the bar. He has a flair for fun and whimsy, and he's created a warm and inviting space.

"I looked at this bar space like an empathy palette," explains Rob, "and I've been filling it up with my vision for the perfect neighborhood hangout and nightspot. And yes, before people ask, the pool tables are still here!"

"As you look around the bar you'll see each corner or area is like a different destination. There's a 1950's feel in one area,

an Austin City Limits concert area, and lots more on the way. Oh, and the two big windows in the front of the building will soon be replaced with big garage doors, so we can open the place up and spill out into the parking picnic area.

As you look around the bar, lots of cool details start to emerge. There's a Twister board painted right onto the dance floor. And there's a Hollywood Walk of Fame style row of stars that Rob plans to use to honor Madison's greatest musicians, like his uncle Duck. Oh, and every chair has a number painted on the back. "We're going to call out numbers throughout the evening and give away prizes!" Rob explains.

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Rob Youngblood, behind the piano at Tailgators, his new bar and music venue at the former L&L Lounge at the intersection of Green Road and Cragmont Street at the top of Hanging Rock Hill in Madison.

Photo by Charlie Rohlfing



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Carroll grand jury declines to indict in fatal road rage shooting

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP
A Carroll County Grand Jury has declined to issue an indictment in a June road rage incident that resulted in the fatal shooting of a Carrollton man.
On Saturday, June 8, at approximately 7:05 p.m. Kentucky State Police Post 5 responded to a call from Carroll County dispatch requesting assistance with regard to a road rage incident on Interstate 71.
KSP investigators determined that two vehicles exited off of Interstate 71 at exit 43 in Carroll County with one of the drivers involved in the incident

on his phone advising dispatchers that the other driver was displaying a firearm.
After exiting the interstate, both vehicles were initially traveling on KY 389 before the incident escalated to the point of gunfire. The operator of one of the vehicles involved, Daniel Shouse of Carrollton, was shot by the operator of the other vehicle. KSP personnel and other emergency responders rushed to the scene but Shouse was pronounced dead by the Carroll County Coroner.
Carroll County Coroner Brent Stucker said Shouse was

fatally wounded by a single shot to the torso.
“The second vehicle passed the first vehicle, at which time we believe the second vehicle brandished a firearm,” Kentucky State Trooper Chad Johnson said in June.
Investigators said Shouse had a gun and the man who shot Shouse remained at the scene.
“He was on the scene when law enforcement got there,” Johnson said.
“Law enforcement has been able to interview him and talk to him and he’s been coopera-

tive the entire time.”
Upon completion of the investigation, KSP Det. Dave Roberts presented the facts of the case to the Commonwealth Attorneys Office and the case was presented to the Carroll County Grand Jury which returned a No True Bill and determined there would be no criminal charges filed in the case.
FIRE VICTIM IDENTIFIED
In other death investigations, Stucker said the man who died in a rural Carroll County house fire on Sunday, April 21, has

been identified as Dannon “JJ” Perkins, a resident of the home.
Stucker said Perkins, 36, of Campbellsburg, Kentucky, died in the fire at 131 Amanda Lane, in Carroll County, when his wife was unable to get him out of the structure before he succumbed to smoke and flames.
Stucker said toxicology texts showed that Perkins was “under the influence” which may have contributed to his inability to exit the home. He said Perkins died of “smoke inhalation and thermal injuries.”

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

LODGINGS
July 22, 2024
Luke Gordon Navarro, 18, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for probation violation (domestic battery). Bond \$5,000 cash.
July 23, 2024
Daniel M. Barnes, 42, La Grange, Kentucky, for Resisting Arrest and Communication-Intimidation, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.
Sterling Allen Ogden, 35, Hanover, on Jefferson County warrants for failure to appear. Bond a combined \$1,250 cash.
Dawson Lee Tash, 22, Hanover, for Strangulation, a Level 6 felony; and Battery-Domestic, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
Christian Bailey Tiffany, 21, Hanover, to serve one day jail on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.
July 24, 2024
Corey A. Copeland, 38, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (revocation of parole for felony intimidation). Bond \$10,000 cash.
Morgan Nicole Konkle, 34, Madison, for Disorderly Conduct, a Class B misdemeanor. Released on own recognizance.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS
July 22, 2024
Seth Joseph Hoevener, 28, Lexington, Indiana, to correct sentencing for Domestic Battery, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 3 years at Indiana Department of Correction of which 2 years shall be served on supervised home incarceration consecutive to one year sentence each for probation violation (separate invasion of privacy convictions) with credit for 382 days served plus \$489 in fees and court costs.
Christopher E. Chandler, 41, Hanover, to an amended charge of Sexual Battery-Threatening or Using Deadly Force, a Level 4 felony. Sentenced to 2 1/2 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 46 days jail served and 2 years, 136 days suspended to supervised probation with No Contact Order to continue as a term of probation.

Ethan D. Goldsmith, 20, Lexington, Indiana, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$389 in fees and court costs.
Taylor Brooke Brashears, 29, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs and State reserves right to request a restitution hearing.
Haley A. Brown, 20, Hanover, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 270 days jail on each count, concurrent, all suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$389 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY
July 22, 2024
Nancy C. Price, Nancy C. Sauer, and Cris L. Sauer (deceased) to Nancy C. Price and Nancy C. Sauer, 1804 Hatcher Hill Road, Madison.
Mariann Nicole Midgett to Brady Charles Holt and Haley Marie Trueblood, 559 East 400 North, Madison.

Tyler Kelley, Laykin E. Kelley and Rebecca Mullins to Caitlin O. Reece and Angela R. Gregory, 2529 Franks Drive, Madison.
Israel L. Walker to Cathy D. Courtney, 2130 Railroad Court, Madison.
Christian S. Bowyer to Noah Stookey, 728 West Third Street, Madison.
Maria S. Bonilla to Jeyson Garcia Garcia, 7578 West New Bethel Road, Lexington.
Marianna Ellsberry and Gerald Lee Scroggins (deceased) to Marianne Ellsberry, 1136 Michigan Road, Madison.
KTC Holdings LLC to Christopher Perry and Lisa Perry, approximately 4 acres at 8986 West Swan Road, Lexington.
Bernard Johnson and Anthony Hammock to Christopher Strouse and Carsha Strouse, 1030+ East First Street, Madison.
July 23, 2024
William Schobe to Michael Mihok and Jessica Mihok, 6466 North East Prong Road, Madison.
Brian Marshall and Ameliorate LLC to Joshua Luckett, 2501 Franks Drive, Madison.
Paul V. Campise and Alejandra Rolon-Campise to Robert A. Jakobiak and Heather Jean Jakobiak, 220

North Lakeside Road, Madison.
Natalia B. Hubbs to Andrew P. Murry and Ashlyn Cloud, 3752 West Deer Circle Boulevard, Hanover.
Larry J. Folkner and Lukas B. Folkner to Leather Arts Inc., 3249 East State Road 56, Madison.
Carla Dicus ro Wesley S. Thomas, 7105 West State Road 56, Hanover.
Jeffery Sarver, Kelly Phillips, Kelly Esterman (now known) and Kimberly Bruther to Jeffery Sarver, Kelly Esterman, Kimberly Bruther (tenants common) and Donald Sarver and Martha J. Sarver (life estate), 1322 Michigan Road, Madison.
FairOfferCashNow Inc. to Dustin J. Marshall and Janelle R. Marshall, 1918 Locust Street, Madison.
Stacey Luellen and Karen Ann Griffin (estate) to Stacey Luellen, 2674 East Geyman Hill Road, Madison.
July 24, 2024
James W. Mason, Daniel J. Mason, Betty Armstrong Mason (deceased), Betty L. Mason, Marilyn Lucille Armstrong (deceased), Marilyn Armstrong and Elbert Mason (deceased) to James W. Mason and Daniel J. Mason (half interest each), 2641 Franks Drive, Madison.
Shirley M. Humphrey to William Douglas Humphrey, approximately 34 acres at 713 North Rogers Road, Madison.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS
Music at the Mansion
Lanier Mansion State Historic Site, 601 West First St., Madison on Saturday, July 27 from 6-8 p.m.
Bring yawn chairs and blankets to the mansion grounds for an evening of

live music by Celtic folk band Keltricity. Free admission.
KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
North Madison United Methodist Church, 2235 Allen St., Madison.

Daily beginning Tuesday, July 30, through Thursday, Aug. 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
For children ages 3 through grade 4.
Games, crafts, prizes, snacks and songs, and learning about the Armor of God.
Call 812-273-1226 for pre-registration information.
Free.

PIONEER DAYS
Historic Masterson House, 2113 Highland Ave., Carrollton on Saturday, July 27 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
The Port Williams Historical Society will host a Pioneer Day at the Masterson House with tours of the home, interactive demonstrations

and workshops and exhibitions.
The Kentucky Corps Longriflemen will reenact a fur trading campsite, authentic tents and flintlock rifle demonstrations.
Free and open to the public.

BIG OAKS CONSERVATION SOCIETY ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge, 1661 West JPG Niblo Road on Monday, Aug. 5 at 5 p.m.
The event will take place at the historic Oakdale Schoolhouse with short walking tours of this historic

landmark before the serving of dessert.
Homemade ice cream and desserts will be served.
To attend the event, follow the brown directional signs to the refuge office off Highway 421.

BEDFORD BASH
Bedford, Kentucky on Friday, Aug. 16 from 4-10 p.m.
The annual Bedford Bash in downtown Bedford with a car show, live music, cheerleading demonstrations, food and craft vendors, the Bedford Volunteer Fire Department benefit Fish Fry and announcement of the Bedford Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year.

SENIOR EVENTS
Hanover
Senior Citizens Center
Exercising: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.
Lunch: The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center.
Cost is \$5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

Madison
Senior Citizens Center
Senior Meals: Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals at the Madison Senior Center, 208 West Main St. on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Meals are free for anyone over age 60 with a suggested donation of \$6.
Meals are \$6 for anyone

under age 60.
Game Days: The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison.
The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
The games are free and open to senior citizens.


FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
Salvation Army Food Bank
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at 331 East Main St., Madison from 12-1 p.m.
A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags.
For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry
Tuesdays at 100 East 2nd St., Madison from 5-7 p.m. and Fridays from 9-11 a.m.
A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison.
Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS
Jesus Clothes Closet
Trinity United Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., Madison, Mondays from 9-11 a.m.
Jesus Clothes Closet will distribute free clothing for those in need.
For more information, call 812-866-4843.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:37 a.m.
Sunset: 8:59 p.m.
Temperature: High 87, Low 62, Mean 74.5, Excess 0.1
Precipitation since last published: .05
Precipitation, July 2024: 4.33
Precipitation, 2024: 23.56
Barometer: 30.07, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.08, Steady
Forecast: Saturday: Mostly sunny High 89/Low 68; Sunday: Rain High 82/Low 69; Monday: Thunderstorms High 86/Low 71; Tuesday: Scattered thunderstorms High 89/Low 69.



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BIRTHDAYS

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JULY 27

Joshua Myers

JULY 28

Bill Conway — 67
Marcus Sullivan

JULY 29

Caroline Demaree — 10
Terry Rowlett

JULY 30

Brenda Brown
Toby Hoffman
Kelsi Schmidlapp

JULY 26

Mark McKee
Kelly Rector

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 14-19-22-33-40-46 (7/24). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$18.2 million. Next Drawing (7/24).
Cash Five: 16-19-22-31-343 (7/24).
Cash 4 Life: 2-11-17-19-29
CB: 3 (7/24)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 4-21-22-33
CB 4 (7/11)
Kentucky 5 Extra: 1-11-15-25-27 (7/24).
Lucky For Life: 15-18-21-25-36 LB: 16 (7/24)

MEGAMILLIONS

3-9-14-26-51 MB: 21, MP 4 (7/23). Next Jackpot: \$306 million. Next Drawing (7/26)

POWERBALL

16-42-59-63-68 PB: 13, PP 2 (7/24). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$131 million. Next Drawing (7/27)

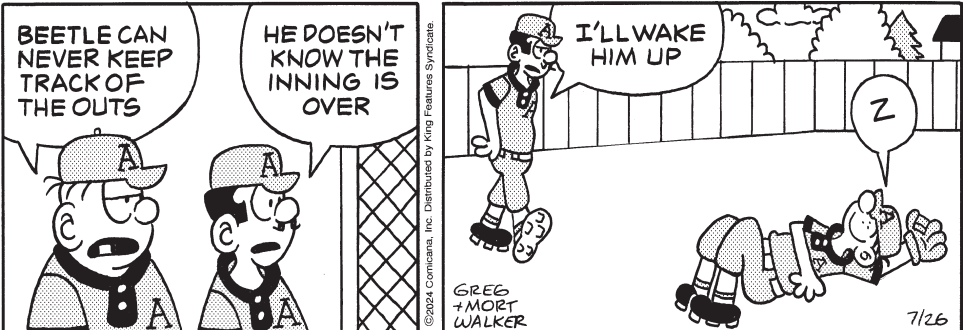
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY

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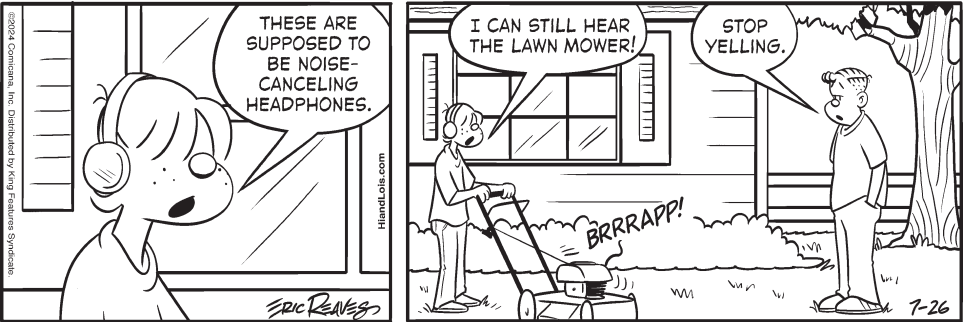
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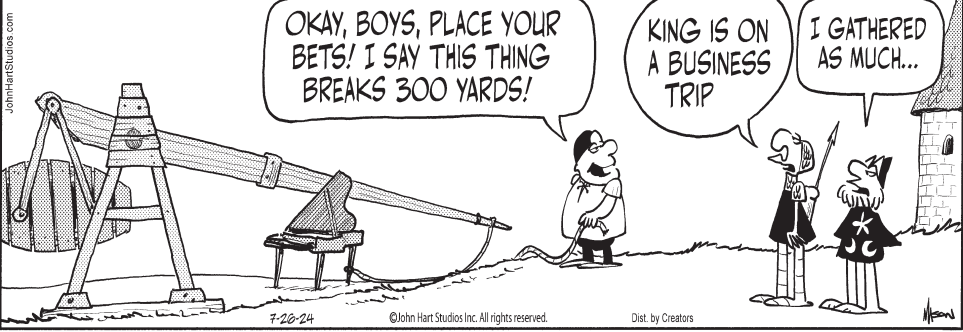
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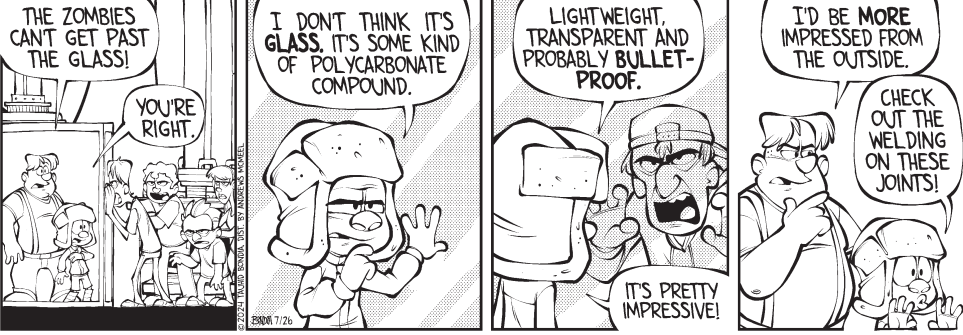
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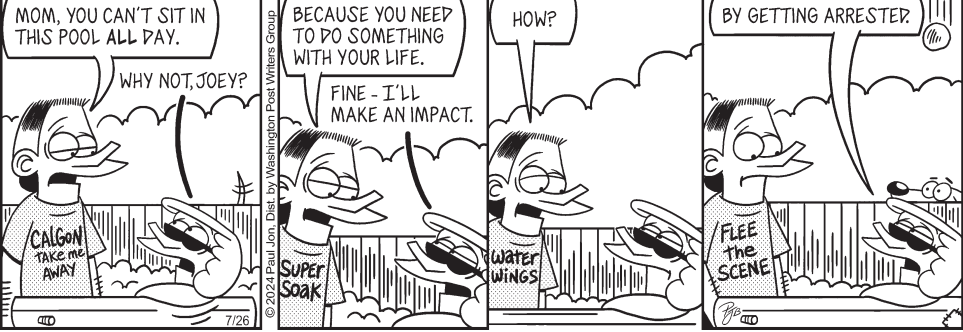
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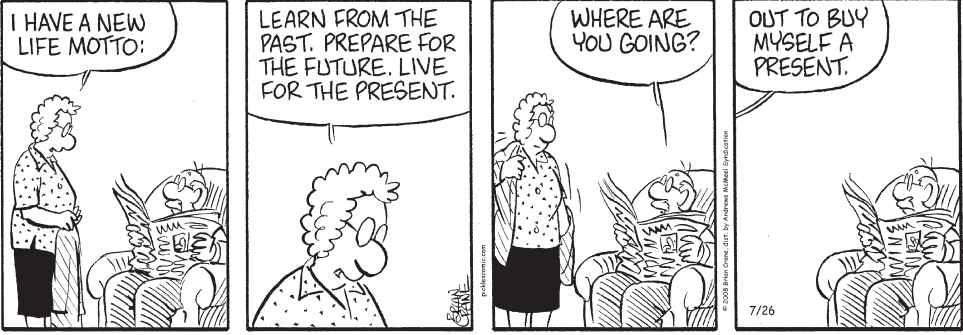
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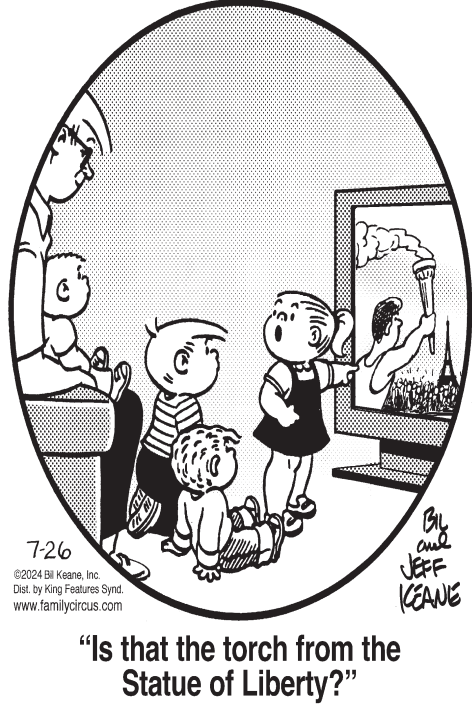


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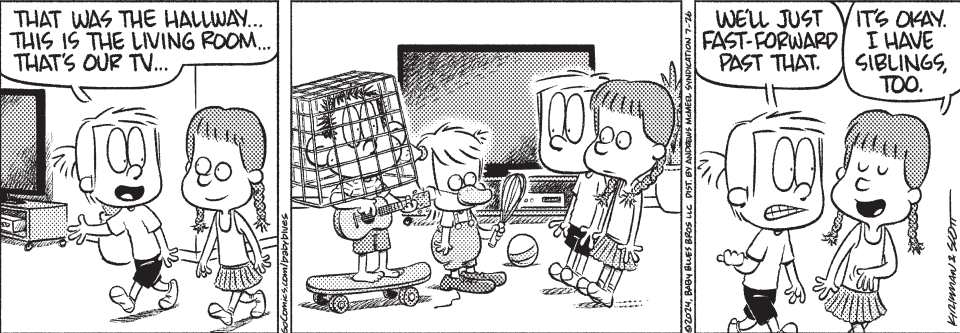
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By Bil Keane

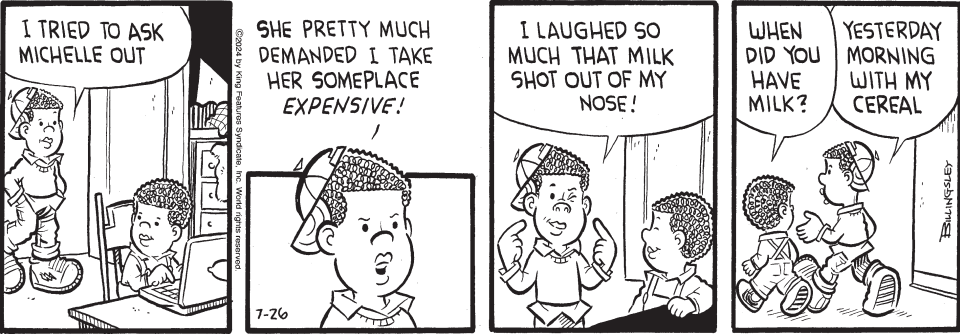
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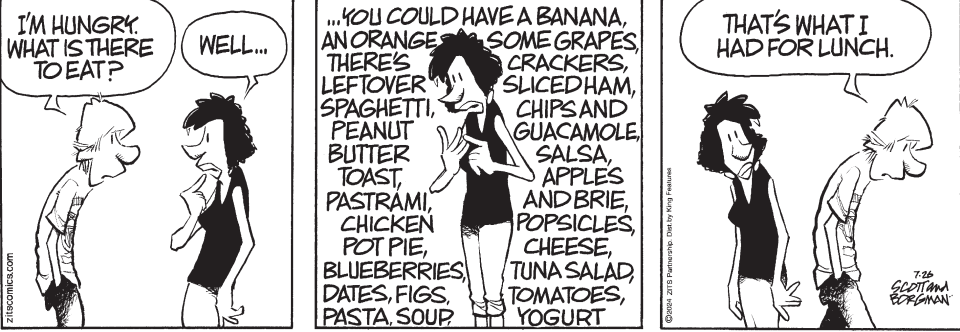
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 26, 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the ADA, prohibiting discrimination based on mental or physical disabilities.
Also on this date:
In 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.
In 1847, the western African country of Liberia, founded by freed American slaves, declared its independence.
In 1863, Sam Houston, former president of the Republic of Texas, died in Huntsville at age 70.
In 1945, Winston Churchill resigned as Britain's prime minister after his Conservatives were soundly defeated by the Labour Party. Clement Attlee succeeded him.
In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed the National Security Act, which reorganized America's armed forces as the National Military Establishment and created the

Central Intelligence Agency.
In 1948, President Truman issued Executive Order 9981, which desegregated the U.S. military.
In 1953, Fidel Castro began his revolt against Fulgencio Batista with an unsuccessful attack on an army barracks in eastern Cuba. (Castro ousted Batista in 1959.)
In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth successful manned mission to the moon.
In 2002, the Republican-led House voted to create an enormous Homeland Security Department in the biggest government reorganization in decades.
In 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.
In 2018, the last six members of a Japanese doomsday cult who remained on death row were executed for a series of crimes in the 1990s, including a gas attack on Tokyo subways that killed 13 people.

In 2020, a processional with the casket of the late U.S. Rep. John Lewis crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Alabama, where Lewis and other civil rights marchers were beaten 55 years earlier.
Today's Birthdays:
Former Australian Prime Minister John Howard is 85. Football Hall of Famer Bob Lilly is 85. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Darlene Love is 83. Singer Brenton Wood is 83. The Rolling Stones' Mick Jagger is 81. Actor Helen Mirren is 79. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 75. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 68. Actor Kevin Spacey is 65. Actor Sandra Bullock is 60. Actor Jeremy Piven is 59. Actor Jason Statham is 57. Actor Olivia Williams is 56. Actor Kate Beckinsale is 51. Former New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern is 44. Actor Juliet Rylance is 44. Actor Monica Raymund is 38. Actor Francia Raisa is 36. Actor-singer Taylor Momsen is 31. Actor Elizabeth Gillies is 31. Actor Thomasin McKenzie is 24.

HDBR to investigate window repair vs replacement

BY MARK CAMPBELL
Madison’s Historic District Board of Review (HDBR) has asked a local property owner to investigate repairing her historic wooden windows rather than replacing them with vinyl like has been used in the remainder of the home.

Lea Ann Williams, 227 West First Street, filed for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace windows on the back of her contributing 1870 shotgun home with vinyl after receiving three estimates from windows replacement companies that the existing wooden windows were beyond repair.

The application came before the HDBR because the city’s

historic preservation ordinance seeks to maintain the look and character of the city’s historic district by repairing or replacement with wooden windows rather than vinyl.

Williams noted the home has been owned by her family since 1902 and that all other windows have already been replaced with vinyl and the experts she contacted think the windows on the back of the home are beyond repair.

Several board members noted they had viewed the windows listed on the application and found them to possibly be repairable and significant enough to the look of the house and the historic district to warrant fur-

ther consideration of repairs over replacement.

“Wood windows can always be repaired,” said Board member Happy Smith, noting the windows cited on the application are “high value windows” with an “irreplaceable look ... they are absolutely stunning windows.”

Smith asked if Williams had consulted anyone specializing in restoration of wooden windows or had only sought estimates from window replacement companies. She noted that replacement companies often suggest replacement because that is their specialty while restoration specialists can offer a plan for repairing the existing windows ranging from wood replace-

ment and glazing to using filler to repair damaged sections and that there are local Amish craftsmen who can build an entirely new wooden window that matches the old window.

Williams said one of the issues is that she hoped to upgrade from single pane windows for energy savings, but agreed to have her application tabled to investigate repair over replacement.

The board voted 4-0 to table the application until next month’s meeting on Monday, Aug. 26.

In other business, Charles Ricketts, 707 West First Street, attended the meeting to discuss his ongoing concerns about a

neighbor’s violation of the historic district ordinance pertaining to portable storage containers being utilized by TT and C Property Management LLC, 701 West First Street, and the adjoining Lanthier Winery.

Special Judge Gregory Coy, Circuit Judge for Switzerland County, recently affirmed the HDBR’s decision on Dec. 5, 2022, to deny use of shipping containers at the property, and Ricketts attended to see how the HDBR intends to proceed.

However, since three of the seven board members and the board attorney were absent from the meeting, Ricketts said he would return at the August meeting.

Big Oak’s annual butterfly count to be held Aug. 3

Great Spangled Fritillaries, Spicebush Swallowtails, and Silver Spotted Skippers! These are just a few of the many species of butterfly you are sure to encounter when you come to Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge Saturday, Aug. 3, for the annual butterfly count.

Forty-six species of butterflies and 2,405 individual butterflies were spotted during the previous year’s survey count.

Those attending should meet at the refuge office at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3.

The refuge is especially interested in counting Monarch butterflies, whose populations have recently plummeted. These migratory beauties require native milkweeds to successfully reproduce. The loss of milkweed across the Midwest is one of the primary reasons for their decline.

A \$3 donation to the North American Butterfly Association would be appreciated for those participating in the count. Survey teams will be divided up based on the length of time you wish to spend in the field.

Some surveyors may choose to join us for the entire day; others may want to make it a half day. Bring water, bug spray, sunscreen, snacks or lunch and binoculars. Butterfly field guides are recommended, but not required. Long pants are also recommended. For directions to the refuge, call or visit www.fws.gov/refuge/big_oaks.

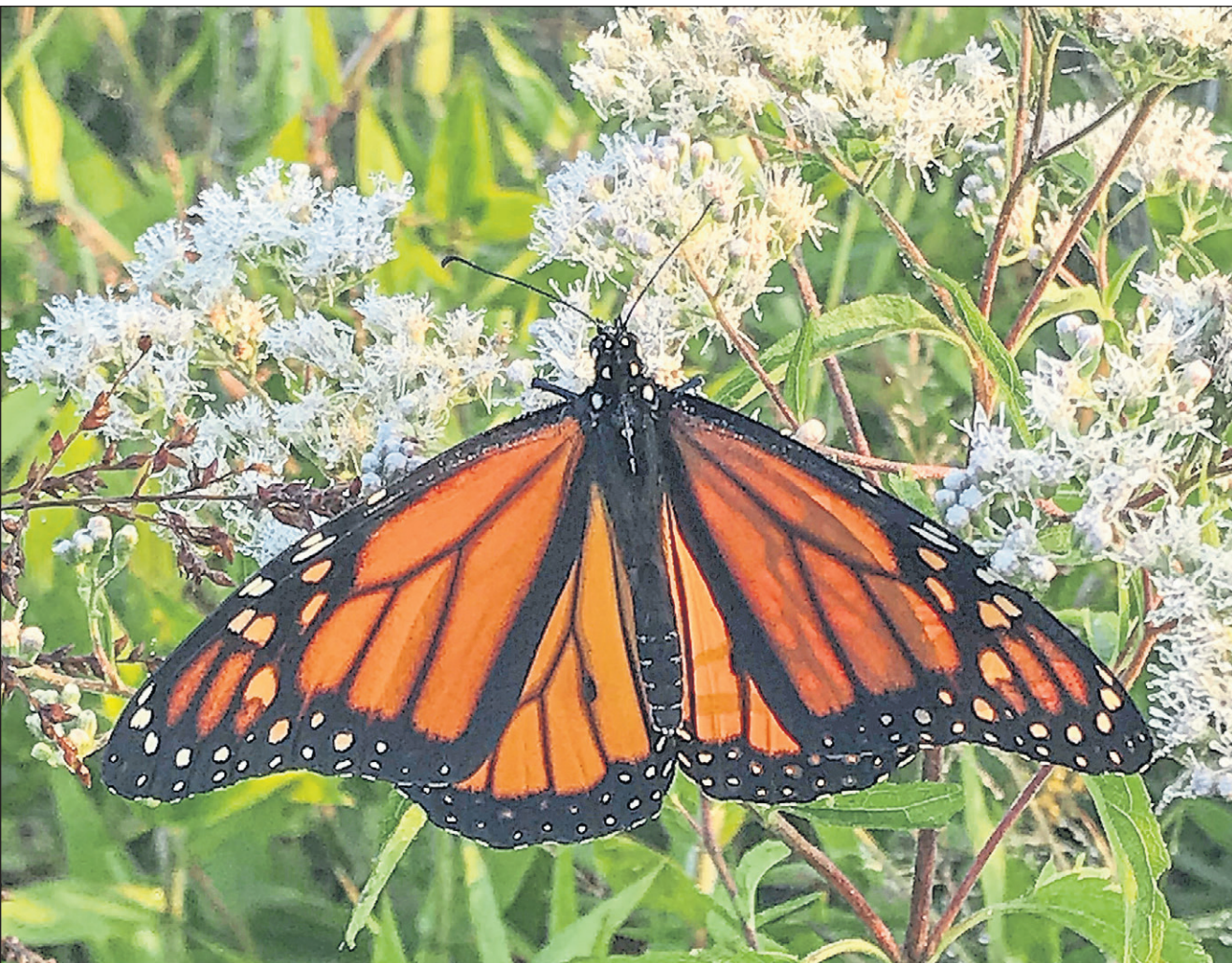
Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) consists of approximately 50,000 acres on the former Jefferson Proving Ground (JPG) located in Jennings, Ripley,

and Jefferson counties in southeastern Indiana. The refuge is managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and provides excellent public use opportunities, such as hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, interpretation and environmental education. The refuge has one of the largest contiguous forest blocks in the southeastern part of the state as well as one of the largest grassland complexes in the state, both of which provide wonderful wildlife viewing opportunities to refuge visitors.

Go on a nature walk or a birding tour, participate in fishing or a special hunt, enter a photography or wildlife art contest, or simply enjoy the splendors of nature at one of the over 550 national wildlife refuges.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 150-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses nearly 550 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations.

The agency enforces Federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps



Handout
A Monarch butterfly landing on a milkweed plant. The migratory Monarchs require milkweeds to successfully reproduce and the loss of milkweed across the Midwest is one of the primary reasons for the current decline of the butterfly.

foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

Council OKs adding AI to dispatch services

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carrollton City Council approved entering into a five-year contract with Prepared 911 to bring artificial intelligence support service to central dispatch services during its meeting on Monday.

The software program utilizes artificial intelligence to help gather information during 911 calls and create a summary report of the incident that can be shared with first responders.

It also allows dispatchers to engage with callers in real time with a live Facetime-like video program that can also be shared with first responders en route to the scene.

The Prepared 911 service program had already been approved by Carroll County Fiscal Court during its regular meeting on June 26, when county officials were given a full demonstration of how the service works by representative Sondra Welsey and Judge-Executive David Wilhoite was authorized to move forward with purchasing the program.

The local 911 Advisory Board also reviewed and discussed the service during a special meeting on July 3, and approved moving forward with acquiring the service by recommend-

ing adoption to Mayor Robb Adams and members of city council.

Adams, who attended that advisory board meeting, said Monday that content callers provide from their phones to the dispatch during emergencies is for response purposes only and that dispatchers will eventually delete that content after the calls end.

Adams noted that cost for the service is \$12,000 a year and on a five-year contract. Since that cost would be split between the county and the city, each entity will pay \$6,000 annually.

Council member Cristina Marsh questioned the five-year commitment and asked if the contract could start as a one-year commitment in case the dispatch center, city and county decide that the service is not needed or not performing up to expectations.

Adams said the five-year contract was considered a way to lock in the cost at \$12,000 per years instead of having it perhaps grow every year. “They’re trying to lock us into this price for five years,” he said.

Council member Deidra Hays said the idea of the service is fantastic, but noted she has issues with downloading the app. “I don’t know that it’s going to be used enough to justify the cost,” she said, also

questioning what other access the app would have to phones.

Council member Jeff Dickow noted the service is “another resource” for the county to use in providing emergency services, and as long as the service is utilized and used by the community, then it’s worth the price.

“I think that it will become, eventually ... like Life 360,” Dickow said. “It will be a ... very widely used software.”

Macie Miller, the council’s teen member, agreed that the program “is a good resource to have.” She noted her fear “of going to college, living somewhere bigger than Carrollton,” and hoping there’s an app available there that she can use to alert 911 if she feels unsafe.

“I think people your age and people younger than me are going to look for that app and use it more often because it would be a sense of security,” Davis told Miller.

While approving the five-year contract, Hays suggested the city should provided a presentation to demonstrate the app to not only the council but the public and prepare a Facebook rollout to make sure the program is understood and utilized by the community.

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Lick Branch Baptist Church turns 200

Church has worshiped in same building since 1850

BY BOB DEMAREE

Lick Branch Baptist Church, found in 1824, turned 200 years old this year but it's certainly not showing its age, remaining sturdy and strong in the same building at 10439 West Deputy Pike Road since 1850.

"People have just loved that church," said Lick Branch Pastor Jim Butters, who noted church members are active worshipers and take good care of the building. Even though the building is 174 years old, "it doesn't look like it's old. It looks like it's been built in the last 20 years. It's amazing."

The church recently re-paved its parked lot with freshly striped parking spaces. Next to the church is the cemetery that's well kept and maintained, along with a shelter house that Butters said "is so nice and rustic and beautiful" and where a special outdoor service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18, with food and music.

Butters estimates that about 20 people regularly attend the church, but there were 70 in attendance during the church's 200th anniversary celebration on June 9.

The church was officially constituted in June of 1824 after the spring of that year when a few families met at the home of Bennett Nay to consider what was needed to start a church. By the winter of 1825 and 1826, a small log structure was erected with the name

Lick Branch chosen, derived from the phrase "deer lick" (a spot of ground where deer come to lick) near a branch in a small mineral spring near the original site of church.

The original log structure was a half-mile north of where the current church was constructed in 1850, which is why the church is on Deputy Pike and not Lick Branch Road. In 1853, the building and one acre of land were transferred to the church that had previously been part of Bennett Nay's farm. Nay's obituary stated that his house had been used during the Civil War as an underground passage for slaves.

The church building has two entrances in the front which Butters explained followed a custom at that time with men entering on one side and women entering on the other side. Also, the original worship space was reversed from what it is now with the pews facing the doors, and the pastor preaching in the sanctuary by standing between the two doors. "Everyone knew if you came in late," Butter quipped. In January 1952, the sanctuary was turned around to face the other direction, putting the backs of pews to the doors.

The church saw significant growth throughout the 1950s and 1960s. In 1955, church membership expanded to 270 members. In 1961, a decision was made to construct a church annex that added Sunday School classes and a basement that provided space for church functions. Much of the work was done by



Above: Lick Branch Baptist Church Pastor Jim Butters (right) in the newly paved parking lot of the 200-year-old congregation that has occupied the same building at 10439 West Deputy Pike Road since 1850. The rock monument with church bell (left) is an area designated Walker Park in memory of Bernice Walker, wife of former Pastor Charles Walker, who purchased and donated land between the church and Deputy Pike after she died of a blood clot.



Left: Lick Branch Baptist Church Pastor Jim Butters with the certificate the church received from the American Baptist Historical Society in celebration of its 200th anniversary in June.

Photos by Bob Demaree

church members. The new annex was dedicated in 1964.

The shelter house was erected by church members in 2000. Since 2000, there have been building renovations that included adding a

wheelchair ramp to the building, adding a covered front entrance, and adding a chair lift to the basement.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many members didn't return after restrictions were lifted but Butters is optimistic

that the church is finally beginning to come back. "We're a 200-year old growing church. It was almost dead and God is bringing it back to life. He's resurrecting it. He's done a lot to bring it back to life."

Butters began serving as the church's pastor in April, and he said he's glad to be there. "The people are so sweet, they are so kind. God put me in a good spot. God put me in a place that I can be a minister to people I love."

More scenes from the Farmers Market



Leslie Wilson (second from right) pays for produce while making a purchase from Splinter Ridge Farm during Wednesday's evening Madison Farmers Market at the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site. Wilson's son, Storm Neace (far right), is holding a flower purchased earlier and Cheryl Liz Byers and Jesse Ernst, both of Splinter Ridge Farm, are assisting customers (left).



A big selection of locally grown tomatoes was available for customers at Wednesday's first-ever evening Madison Farmers Market at the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site.



Photos by Bob Demaree

A colorful selection of flowers and flower arrangements were available at Wednesday's first-ever evening Madison Farmers Market at the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site.

MARKET

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He made the suggestion of developing maps that establish bundles such as arts and entertainment, fashion and various other elements of downtown Madison.

Visit Madison Inc. (VMI) Executive Director Andrew Forrester expressed a willingness to consider the idea.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

- JCBT has \$56,500 remaining this year to budget for local tourism grants to entities in Jefferson County. Application deadline is Monday, Aug. 5, and JCBT will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, to hear application proposals and then announce its decision at the Monday, Aug. 26 meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- Jefferson County Commissioner David Bramer, who is JCBT treasurer, said tourism's 2025 budget has been submitted to the Jefferson County Council to increase the community's outreach to \$450,000, a \$100,000 increase over this year's total. Meanwhile, the three-year contract with VMI provides a 4% increase in 2025, set

at \$351,520 with four quarterly payments of \$87,880.

- Innkeeper's tax collections for June were \$49,290.05 while May was \$63,706.80. For the year, total collection are at \$277,392.37, which is 4% below last year through the first six months. However, here was a discussion concerning a discrepancy between VMI and JCBT calculations. The VMI total including marketplace totals which includes airBNB lodging, and those not included in the JCBT total. The airBNB amount of \$21,100 was the exact difference in the calculations, and is expected to show up in next month's JCBT totals.

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LAST

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Terri Jones Suiter, event coordinator for this year's Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes, said six homes have committed to be on this year's tour that will be Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29-30, and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7.

"We're encouraging restaurants to stay open later on that Friday and Saturday on both weekends," Suiter said. "The feedback that we have received is that when the tour is over for

the night, people don't know where to go to eat. We will be contacting restaurants to see if they would consider staying open later." A list will be compiled of restaurants offering later hours, so tour patrons will know which restaurants will be open when they're done touring for the evening.

IN OTHER BUSINESS

VMI Marketing Director Sarah Prasil introduced Lyndsey Ritchie, VMI's newly hired marketing associate. She replaces Julia Gregory who resigned and is working a job this summer with the Summer Olympics in Paris.

ENERGY

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Rob is very committed to live music, and hopes to have something going on most nights of the week. "Sometimes it might be a piano player performing for the early evening crowd. Sometimes it might be a young local band, using our stage to rehearse and try out their new stuff. And most Saturday's I'll be bringing in popular bands to get everybody dancing.

"We will have simple food, like slider hamburgers and the like. What else? Oh,

once a month I want to have a barbecue cook-off competition out in the parking lot, where people can show off their grilling skills."

It's hard to capture in writing just how enthusiastic and upbeat Rob is about his new venture. He has so many fun ideas I literally couldn't fit them all in a single column. He's going to have dart and pool tournaments. Tik-Tok contests for local musicians. Open mic nights and karaoke. Just suffice it to say that we all should start making a habit of dropping in to Tailgators in the months to come. There's sure to be something new going on

every time you visit!

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

A couple of new things on the calendar this week. First, you'll notice a bunch of live music happening at a place called Tailgators. This venue is at the intersection of Green and Cragmont, in the old L&L Lounge, across from Jassy's gas station. The new owner there, Rob Youngblood, is super pumped about the possibilities of the place, and he's diving headfirst with lots of music and fun and games. Pop in and check it out! The other exciting thing is a new Farmer's Market day, actually evening,

is being piloted to see if there is any interest. It's Wednesday evening, starting at 5 p.m., on the lawn of the Lanier Mansion. Jordan Wilson will be providing the live tunes. The organizers are just trying it out this one time, but if it's popular they may do it more often. Oh, and Live Lunch is back this Friday at the Broadway Fountain. Creedence Cooper will be playing.

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MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY JULY 26

- **First Street Saloon:** Dylan West Band
- **RiverTown Grill:** Highway 9 Blues Band
- **Broadway Fountain:** Live Lunch w/Creedence Cooper (11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- **Tailgators Bar and Grill:** Patriotic Karaoke (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)
- **The Central:** Karaoke with ChrAsh (no time)

SATURDAY JULY 27

- **First Street Saloon:** DJ Nate
- **Rivertown Grill:** The Fabulous Hillbillies
- **Tailgators Bar and Grill:** Vaguely Familiar (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.)
- **Thomas Family Winery:** Davis & Devitt (8 p.m.)
- **The Lighthouse:** (Surprise Band?) (7-11 p.m.)

SUNDAY JULY 28

- **Rivertown Grill:** Ruben Guthrie

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Tate, Madison hoping to keep win streak going in Tri-Cities

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

When Andrew Tate roared to victory in the Indiana Governor's Cup in Madison earlier this month, he didn't just delight the 13,000 owners of his Unlimited hydroplane, he also thrilled his sponsor who was in attendance for the first time.

Kelli Jo Norris, president of Goodman Real Estate in Seattle, was in Madison along with several others from Goodman, to cheer on Tate and the Miss Madison Racing hull that carries their company's name.

Norris said the Goodman contingent enjoyed their stay in Madison and were overwhelmed by the amount of support the community gives to the sport.

"We've been at a lot of races and nothing compares to Madison," Norris said. "It's just special here."

Goodman Real Estate founder John Goodman joined forces with the Miss Madison team in 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic knocked out the entire H1 Unlimited racing season. Goodman's first year being actually on the boat was in 2021.

While the team failed to win a race in its first three seasons under the Goodman Real Estate banner, 2024 has gotten off to a fantastic start. Tate, who drove the 2007-vintage Miss Madison for Goodman last season, moved over to the team's newer 2018 model this year and posted a dominating win in Lake Guntersville in Alabama in the season opener



Andrew Tate steers the U-91 Goodman Real Estate/Miss Madison down the front stretch at Madison earlier this month. Tate has won the first two races of the 2024 season and takes the season points lead into this weekend's race in the Tri-Cities, Washington.

TRI-CITIES H1 WEEKEND SCHEDULE	
APOLLO COLUMBIA CUP	7:45 p.m. — H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Heat 1B
Columbia River	
Kennewick, Washington	Sunday, July 28
WEEKEND H1 SCHEDULE	10:30-11:30 a.m. — Testing
(All times EDT)	1 p.m. — H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Heat 2A
Friday, July 26	1:30 p.m. — H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Heat 2B
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Testing	5:30 p.m. — H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Heat 3A
4:30 p.m. — H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Qualifying	6 p.m. — H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Heat 3B
Saturday, July 27	7:30 p.m. — H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Columbia Cup
11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Testing	
7:15 p.m. — H1 Unlimited Hydroplane Heat 1A	



Kelli Jo Norris, president of Goodman Real Estate (right), congratulates driver Andrew Tate after a heat win at Madison earlier this month.

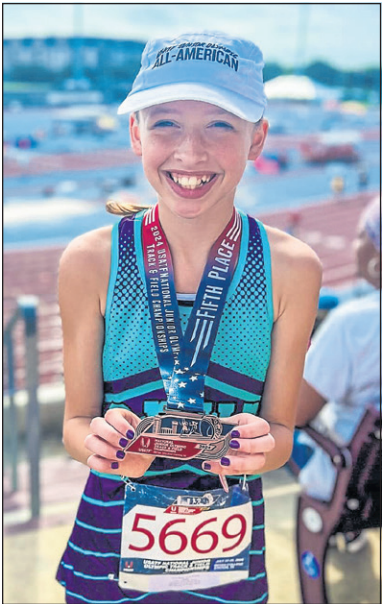
hydroplane racing," Norris said. "They come to a lot of the races and they're always online watching the racing. And John (Goodman) has a vintage U-12 that the Miss Madison team is helping to restore. We're heavily involved with the sport."

Tate will face a bigger field in Tri-Cities as he attempts to run his win streak to three-straight. Dave Villwock, driving the U-27 Apollo Mechanical, will be back on the circuit after running fourth at Guntersville but skipping the

Madison race. Bobby King, in the U-12 Graham Trucking, and Gunnar O'Farrell, in the U-21 Go Fast Turn Left Racing, are expected to make their season debuts and increase the Columbia Cup field to eight H1 boats.

Testing and qualifying for the Columbia Cup will be on Friday afternoon with the first set of heats set for Saturday afternoon. The winner-take-all final heat will be on Sunday.

All racing can be streamed live on H1 Unlimited's YouTube channel.



Submitted
Southwestern seventh grader Harper Green, 12, earned USATF National Junior Olympics All American honors at the national meet on Tuesday, July 23 in College Station, Texas.

Southwestern's Harper Green earns All American honors in track

BY THE COURIER STAFF

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — A Southwestern Junior High runner has earned All American honors at the USATF National Junior Olympics Track & Field Championships at Texas A&M's Cushing Stadium.

Harper Green, 12, a seventh grader to be at Southwestern, ran a 10:49.57 in the girls 3,000 meters to place fifth in that event and earn All American honors. Her time was a personal record and trailed event winner Sofia Wroblewski of Quick Track Club out of Placentia, California, by less than 15 seconds.

Green, the daughter of Van and Brittany Williams-Green, of Hanover, will compete in her second event of the USATF nationals on Saturday when she runs in the 1,500 meters where her seed time is 5:07.06.

Competing for the Ohio River Valley Racers track club, Green advanced to nationals by finishing in the top five at both the state meet and regional in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Green's qualifiers included a third place at the USATF Indiana Association Junior Olympic Championships state meet on June 21 with a time of 11:27.47 and a second at the USATF Region 7 Junior Olympic Championships on July 11 with a time of 11:00.54.

Green actually won the 1,500 meters at the state meet with a time of 5:18.26 and was second at the regional 1,500 with the time of 5:07.06.

Trimble girls golf opens season with win

BY COURIER STAFF REPORT

Trimble County's girls golf opened the 2024 season with a win over South Oldham on Wednesday at Cardinal Hills Golf Course in Bedford.

The Raiders shot a 224 in their first match. No score for South Oldham was available.

Kendal Holbrook shot a 45 to lead Trimble and claim low-medalist honors. Alanna Washington carded a 49, Kynlee McIntyre had a 62 and River Smith shot a 68.

Trimble returns to action on Wednesday when it competes in the German American Bank Classic at Sugar Bay Golf Course in Warsaw, Kentucky. That match will also be the first match of the season for the Trimble boys team.

Bengals new look QB Burrow says wrist feels good as camp opens

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow showed up for the first day of training camp on Wednesday with a new close-cropped, blond haircut and, more important to Cincinnati, a right wrist he says is ready for the rigors of the season.

Burrow took part in drills, threw accurately and looked good doing it, showing no outward signs that his surgically repaired wrist will be an issue. He said he'll get some days off along the way so as not to overdo it.

"I was happy with today," he said. "You know, still feeling it out. Still have some throws where it's like, 'Well, what did that look like?' Usually goes where I want it to, but sometimes it doesn't spin the way I want it to. So we're still working through that. But I feel really good about where I'm at."

"I'm really happy with the plan that I had coming into camp this year, happy with how my body feels, happy with how my mind feels," he said. "So we're in a good spot."

Burrow was sidelined last season when he tore a ligament in the wrist in a loss to Baltimore on Nov. 16. He had surgery Nov. 27 and has been rehabbing since.

Coach Zac Taylor said he's not worried about having to give the quarterback much individual attention.

"He's going in his fifth year in this league. He knows exactly what to expect to get himself through a season and what he needs to do," Taylor said. "And there's not a lot of conversation that needs to happen at him. He knows how his body feels



AP Photo/Emilee Chinn
Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow (9) takes off his helmet showing his new look bleached blonde buzz cut during a break in the NFL football team's training camp on Wednesday in Cincinnati.

and how he does best."

The 27-year-old Burrow is hoping to start the season mostly healthy for a change. He has been injured to start each of the past three. Twice, the injuries occurred in training camp. In 2022, he suffered a ruptured appendix. Last year, a strained calf on the second day of camp forced him to miss five weeks.

Owner Mike Brown has his fingers crossed.

"He's the heart of the team," Brown said. "He's got to stay healthy for us to get there. I think that's a given."

Regarding the quarterback's much-discussed new hairstyle, Burrow said there was no

real reason behind the radical change.

"I got bored," he said. "That's about it."

BROWN OUT, TAYLOR-BRITT LIMITED

Veteran tackle Trent Brown, signed as a free agent in the offseason, started training camp on the non-football injury list. Taylor said he had "some tightness." He's expected to be the starter at right tackle if he's healthy. Cornerback Cam Taylor-Britt will be limited this week as he recovers from having his tonsils removed.

HBO CAMERAS KNOCKING

Bengals officials gave luke-

warm answers when asked about having HBO cameras around for the "Hard Knocks" in-season series that will follow all four AFC North teams.

"There is probably no one in the NFL that says, 'Oh, we're on "Hard Knocks." Hot dog,' " Brown, the Bengals owner, said. "But you know what happens — it's happened a couple of times here — you're almost distressed by it. And the first day, oh my God, they're everywhere. Then about two or three days into it, you just don't even notice that they're around until they barge into your office with a camera. I think it's a good show. It's fun to have the division on there."

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR		
FRIDAY, JULY 26		MONDAY, JULY 29
No local events		Golf
		Carroll Co. boys at Scott, 12:30 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 27		TUESDAY, JULY 30
No local events		Golf
		Carroll Co. boys vs. Walton-Verona at Sugar Bay, 4 p.m.
SUNDAY, JULY 28		
No local events		

Olympic soccer gets off to violent, chaotic start

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
SAINT-ETIENNE, France — The Olympic men’s soccer tournament got off to a violent and chaotic start Wednesday with Morocco’s shocking 2-1 win against two-time gold medalist Argentina.

The result tells only part of the story after a dramatic end to the match in Saint-Etienne, which had to be suspended for nearly two hours when furious Moroccan fans ran on to the pitch and threw bottles from the stands to protest a late goal by Argentina in the 16th minute of added time.

The angry and bizarre scene sparked confusion over whether the game had been concluded or paused. The crowd was told to leave the stadium, but players remained at the venue and returned to the pitch for a final three minutes of added time in front of empty stands.

Moments before play resumed, Cristian Medina’s disputed goal was disallowed by VAR for offside, and Morocco held on for the victory.

Argentina’s soccer federation said it had issued a formal claim to world governing body FIFA to “take the necessary regulatory measures for such a serious event.”

“Paris 2024 is working with the relevant stakeholders to understand the causes and identify appropriate actions,” a spokesperson for Paris organizers said.

Morocco fans reacted furiously when they thought Medina’s



A steward catches a pitch invader during the men’s Group B soccer match between Argentina and Morocco at Geoffroy-Guichard Stadium at the 2024 Summer Olympics on Wednesday in Saint-Etienne, France.

goal had denied the team a critical win against one of international soccer’s powerhouses.

Objects were thrown and invading Moroccan fans were tackled by security on the field at Stade Geoffroy-Guichard after Medina appeared to tie the game 2-2.

There were images of some Argentina players flinching when what appeared to be a flare was thrown onto the field. Bot-

tles and cups were strewn over the pitch by the time the game was paused.

It was initially thought that the full-time whistle had been blown. Even FIFA’s website declared the game over.

About an hour after the incident, organizers at the venue confirmed the match was not officially over and that VAR would review whether the goal would stand.

Players eventually re-entered the field after a long delay and began to warm up before the game could be concluded. After warmups, players from both teams stood on the field in the otherwise empty stadium while an official reviewed the video. He offered a brief explanation to Argentina while players on Morocco’s bench celebrated.

Play went on for about three minutes after the resumption

before the final whistle was blown.

Morocco had led the game 2-0 before Argentina’s fight back. Giuliano Simeone scored in the 68th minute before Medina’s effort sparked chaotic scenes.

The game was broadcast in cafes throughout Morocco, where national pride has swelled since the country advanced to the semifinal in the 2022 World Cup. During a record-breaking heat wave, tea-drinking men screamed at televisions and watched in shock as fans stormed the field.

Zak Eddakir, a 28 year-old from Rabat, said the fans’ reaction had to do with soccer’s importance in Morocco and a natural disappointment at a draw and the idea that a referee’s call could end a game.

“In football, it’s normal,” he said. “When you see something like that, it’s really hard for supporters. Here, football is life. Even the king supports it.”

Hairdresser Khadija Seffany streamed into the street to embrace her friends and neighbors after Morocco won. She initially thought the delay in calling the goal offside suggested the referees wanted Argentina to win because Morocco is an Arab country. Every match throughout the Olympics will be important, she said.

“Here, we’re one of the best in the world. We drink football. We eat football,” Seffany said.

Coco to join LeBron as flag bearers for US at Olympic ceremony

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
PARIS — Tennis star Coco Gauff will join LeBron James as a flag bearer for the U.S. Olympic team at Friday’s opening ceremony.

Gauff, the reigning U.S. Open champion, is set to make her Olympic debut at the Paris Games and will be the first tennis athlete to carry the U.S. flag. She and James were chosen by Team USA athletes.

“I mean, for me, the Olympics is a top priority. I would say equal to the Grand Slams. I wouldn’t put it above or below, just because I’ve never played before. This is my first time,” Gauff said earlier this year. “Obviously, I always want to do well, try to get a medal.”

Gauff and James, the 39-year-old leading scorer in NBA history, both compete in sports that are outside the traditional Olympic world and get attention year-round, not just every four years.

The 20-year-old Gauff made the American team for the Tokyo Games three years ago as a teenager but had to sit out those Olympics because she tested positive for COVID-19 right before she was supposed to fly to Japan.

Now Gauff, who is based in Florida, is a Grand Slam title winner in singles and doubles. She won her first

major championship in New York in September, defeating Aryna Sabalenka in the singles final of the U.S. Open, then added her first Grand Slam doubles trophy at the French Open this June alongside Katerina Siniakova of the Czech Republic.

The same clay courts at Roland Garros used for the French Open will be where matches are going to be held for the Paris Olympics. The draw to set the brackets is Thursday, and play begins on Saturday.

Gauff is seeded No. 2 in singles, matching her current WTA ranking behind No. 1 Iga Swiatek of Poland, and will be among the medal favorites.

She and her usual doubles partner, Jessica Pegula, are seeded No. 1 in women’s doubles. And Gauff and the highest-ranked American man, Taylor Fritz, were seeded No. 2 in mixed doubles when those pairings were announced Wednesday.

“I’m not putting too much pressure on it, because I really want to fully indulge in the experience,” Gauff said about her Olympic debut. “Hopefully I can have the experience multiple times in my lifetime, (but) I’ll treat it as a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

US men’s basketball arrives in France for Sunday opener

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER
VILLENEUVE-D’ASCQ, France — And now, the real work begins for the U.S. Olympic men’s basketball team.

The four-time defending gold medalists arrived in France on Wednesday to begin their final preparations for the Paris Games. Their train from London arrived in their early afternoon, a couple of hours before the team held a photo shoot and acclimation practice at the arena where it will play its three group-stage games starting Sunday with a matchup against Serbia.

“We had a really good 45 minutes of getting up and down,” U.S. coach

Steve Kerr said. “Not scrimmaging, but a lot of running and shooting. And then, some prep for Serbia as well.”

The big news of Day 1 in France: Phoenix Suns forward Kevin Durant practiced. The three-time Olympic gold medalist, who hasn’t played yet for the Americans this summer, was a full participant in practice, Kerr said. That’s a good sign for Durant, who has been dealing with the aftereffects of a calf strain he suffered a few days before training camp started July 6.

“It’s always a collaboration,” Kerr said. “It’s not just our training staff. (USA Basketball managing director Grant Hill) is constantly in touch

with Kevin’s people, with the Suns. This is not going to be like us going out and saying, ‘Hey, let’s just throw him out there.’ This will be a big collaboration.”

The next step for Durant will be a scrimmage on Thursday, Kerr said, insisting that the Americans have no concerns that Durant will not be able to play in the Olympics.

The U.S. opens its Olympic slate against Serbia, followed by games with South Sudan on July 31 and Puerto Rico on Aug. 3. The tournament then shifts from Lille to Paris for the knockout stage: quarterfinals are on Aug. 6, semifinals are on Aug. 8 and the medal games are Aug. 10.

1,000 suspected of spying blocked from Olympics: French official

BY SYLVIE CORBET AND BARBARA SURK
ASSOCIATED PRESS
PARIS — Three days before the start of the 2024 Olympics, France’s interior minister said about 1,000 people suspected of possibly meddling for a foreign power have been blocked from attending the Olympics — one of the security challenges that Paris is cracking down on in its goal to keep Games safe for athletes and fans.

About 1 million back-

ground checks have scrutinized Olympic volunteers, workers and others involved in the Games as well as those applying for passes to enter the most tightly controlled security zone in Paris — along the banks of the Seine — ahead of the opening ceremony on the river Friday.

The checks blocked about 5,000 people from attending, Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said Tuesday. Out of them, “there are 1,000 people

whom we suspect of foreign interference — we can say spying,” Darmanin said.

Darmanin, who is staying on in a caretaker role until a new government is formed following legislative elections this month that denied President Emmanuel Macron’s centrist coalition a majority, has repeatedly pointed to suspicions of Russia-backed interference.

“We’re here to make sure ... that sport isn’t

used for spying, for cyberattacks or to criticize and sometimes even lie about France and the French,” Darmanin said.

He added that “interfering and manipulating information” is not coming from Russia only but from some other countries, too, which he did not name. He also didn’t give more information on the suspected meddling.

“That’s why we’re on the alert, and we want them to know that we’re not naive,” he said.

Salt Lake City celebrates selection for 2034 Winter Olympics

BY HANNAH SCHOENBAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS
SALT LAKE CITY — Salt Lake City was formally awarded the 2034 Winter Olympics and Paralympics following a vote Wednesday by the International Olympic Committee in Paris, giving Utah its second Games after hosting in 2002.

About a thousand sports fans gathered in downtown Salt Lake City at 3 a.m. local time — 11 a.m. in Paris — to watch the long-anticipated announcement on a livestream. Some dressed in ski gear in the summer heat, while others donned Team USA merchandise and waved flags with the Olympic rings. The crowd erupted in cheers as Olympic officials made their final decision to return to a city where they said the local enthusiasm was palpable even two decades after it first hosted.

Utah’s capital city was the only candidate for 2034 after the Olympic committee gave Salt Lake City

exclusive negotiating rights last year. Climate change and high operational costs have reduced the number of cities willing and able to welcome the Winter Games.

Utah has capitalized on low interest elsewhere, pitching itself to Olympic officials as an eager repeat host if the committee eventually adopts a permanent rotation of Winter Olympic cities. Olympic Games Executive Director Christophe Dubi said Salt Lake City would be a prime candidate for such a plan.

Local leaders had their sights set on hosting multiple times even before Salt Lake City welcomed its first Games, bid team spokesperson Tom Kelly said. Remnants of the 2002 Games are nestled throughout the city and have kept the Olympic fever alive. Organizers of the 2034 Games touted that enduring enthusiasm throughout the selection process and showed visiting Olympic officials how they

have preserved nearly all the venues used in 2002.

“Enthusiasm for the Games was always our feeling, on the first minute to the last minute, in every interaction we had, both at the venues and in our meetings with athletes, sports leaders, politicians and the private sector,” Karl Stoss, chairman of the International Olympic Committee’s Future Host Commission, told the full committee Wednesday morning in Paris.

Darrell Robinson of Herriman, Utah, celebrated with his family in the early hours Wednesday after his daughter, who was too young to remember Utah’s first Olympics, begged him to join her at the Salt Lake watch party. Robinson also was present when it was announced that the city would host the 2002 Games, and he said it was amazing to relive that moment.

The 2002 Games closely followed the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist

attacks and provided a unifying atmosphere that Robinson said was needed at the time.

“Everyone was really united, and we were able to invite all these countries and just heal,” he said. “That’s something we need again.”

Wednesday’s local party coincided with a state holiday marking the date Mormon pioneers discovered the Salt Lake Valley in northern Utah. A drone show lit up the sky over City Hall, and parade floats lined the streets, merging the two celebrations into one.

In its final presentation to Olympic officials, the Utah bid team outlined its plan for one of the most compact layouts in Olympic history, with all venues within a one-hour drive of the athletes village on the University of Utah campus. The plan requires no new permanent construction, with all 13 venues already in place and each having played a role when the city first hosted.

What was expected to be a simple coronation turned into a complicated political negotiation in which the Olympic committee strong-armed Utah leaders into helping them lobby the U.S. government to end an FBI investigation into a suspected doping coverup.

Before the vote, Olympic officials inserted into Salt Lake City’s host contract a clause effectively demanding that local organizers, including Utah Gov. Spencer Cox, push to shut down the probe or risk losing the Games. Cox agreed to the committee’s demands and celebrated the final decision, but he said after the vote that the shakeup nearly delayed the bid agreement.

Securing the bid was central to Cox’s goal of cementing the state as North America’s winter sports capital. He and other local leaders were in Paris for the presentation, while many winter Olympians stayed in town to train and join in the festivities.

Colts' Richardson reports to camp without restrictions

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
WESTFIELD, Ind. — Team doctors have cleared Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson for practice, and general manager Chris Ballard said Richardson will be under no restrictions when Indianapolis holds its first training camp practice Thursday.

Ballard spoke to reporters Wednesday after players reported to camp in an Indianapolis suburb.

“I’m not expecting any limitations right now,” Ballard said.

Richardson was the No.

4 overall pick in the 2023 NFL draft but started only four games and finished only one because of various injuries. He had season-ending surgery on his throwing shoulder last October.

The former Florida star did participate in the team’s offseason workouts but was held out of the final minicamp practice as a precaution in early June because of soreness in the shoulder.

Coach Shane Steichen said then that the coaches and doctors would closely monitor Richard-

son’s throws in camp and throughout the preseason.

Last week, Richardson said he was feeling well and ready for camp as he donated dozens of helmets to the Speedway High School football team.

Also Wednesday, the Colts placed defensive tackle Raekwon Davis on the non-football illness list and cornerback Chris Lammons on the physically unable to perform list. Indy also signed free agent receiver Laquon Treadwell and waived receiver Xavier White.



Darron Cummings — staff, ASSOCIATED PRESS
Indianapolis Colts quarterback Anthony Richardson speaks after an NFL football game against the Los Angeles Rams, Oct. 1, 2023, in Indianapolis. Richardson wants to help a local high school football program do a better job avoiding head injuries.

NBA says 11-year media rights deal with Disney, NBC, Amazon signed

BY TIM REYNOLDS AND JOE REEDY
AP SPORTS WRITERS

The NBA signed its 11-year media rights deal with Disney, NBC and Amazon Prime Video on Wednesday after saying it was not accepting Warner Bros. Discovery’s \$1.8 billion per year offer to continue its longtime relationship with the league.

The media rights deals were approved by the league’s Board of Governors last week and will bring the league about \$76 billion over those 11 years.

WBD had five days to match a part of those deals and said it was exercising its right to do so, but its offer was not considered a true match by the NBA. That means the 2024-25 season will be the last for TNT after a nearly four-decade run — though not long after the NBA signing was announced, WBD said it would take “appropriate action” and said it believes the NBA has to accept its offer.

“We have matched the Amazon offer, as we have a contractual right to do, and do not believe the NBA can reject it. In doing so, they are rejecting the many fans who continue to show their unwavering support for our best-in-class coverage, delivered through the full combined reach of WBD’s video-first distribution platforms. ... We will take appropriate action.”

— TNT Sports statement

move, saying it believes the league “grossly misinterpreted our contractual rights.”

“We have matched the Amazon offer, as we have a contractual right to do, and do not believe the NBA can reject it,” TNT Sports said in a statement. “In doing so, they are rejecting the many fans who continue to show their unwavering support for our best-in-class coverage, delivered through the full combined reach of WBD’s video-first distribution platforms. ... We will take appropriate action.”

TNT said it continues looking forward to the coming season, “including our iconic ‘Inside the NBA.’”

Under the new deal, Amazon Prime Video will carry games on Friday nights, select Saturday afternoons and Thursday night doubleheaders that will begin after the conclusion of Prime Video’s “Thursday Night Football” schedule. Prime Video will also take over the NBA League Pass package from WBD.

“Warner Bros. Discovery’s most recent pro-

posal did not match the terms of Amazon Prime Video’s offer and, therefore, we have entered into a long-term arrangement with Amazon,” the league said Wednesday. “Throughout these negotiations, our primary objective has been to maximize the reach and accessibility of our games for our fans. Our new arrangement with Amazon supports this goal by complementing the broadcast, cable and streaming packages that are already part of our new Disney and NBCUniversal arrangements. All three partners have also committed substantial resources to promote the league and enhance the fan experience.”

The new package on Amazon also includes at least one game on Black Friday and the quarterfinals, semifinals and championship game of the league’s in-season tournament, the NBA Cup.

“Over the past few years, we have worked hard to bring the very best of sports to Prime Video and to continue to innovate on the view-

ing experience,” said Jay Marine, global head of sports for Prime Video. “We’re thrilled to now add the NBA to our growing sports lineup, including the NFL, UEFA Champions League, NASCAR, NHL, WNBA, NWSL, Wimbledon, and more. We are grateful to partner with the NBA, and can’t wait to tip off in 2025.”

ESPN and ABC will keep the league’s top package, which includes the NBA Finals. ABC has carried the finals since 2003.

ESPN/ABC will combine for nearly 100 games during the regular season. More than

20 games will air on ABC, mainly on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons, while ESPN will have up to 60 games, mostly on Wednesday nights with some Friday games. ABC and ESPN will also combine for five games on Christmas Day and have exclusive national coverage of the final day of the regular season.

During the playoffs, ESPN and ABC will have approximately 18 games in the first two rounds each year and one of the two conference finals series in all but one year of the agreement.

The return of NBC, which carried NBA games from 1990 through 2002, gives the NBA two broadcast network partners for the first time.

NBC will have up to 100 regular-season games, including on Sunday night once the NFL season has ended. It will air games

on Tuesdays throughout the regular season, while a Monday night doubleheader would be exclusively streamed on Peacock.

NBC will also have the All-Star Game and All-Star Saturday Night. During the playoffs, NBC and/or Peacock will have up to 28 games the first two rounds, with at least half on NBC.

NBC and Amazon will also carry one of the two conference finals series in six of the 11 years on a rotating basis. NBC will have a conference final in 2026-27 followed by Amazon the next season.

“The return of NBA basketball to the NBC Sports family comes with enormous benefits and excitement for our fans,” Silver said. “And through its multiple platforms — especially NBC and Peacock — and its expansive resources, NBCUniversal promises to build on the deep tradition and history of the NBA on NBC.”

From Fear to Fortune: How to Navigate Investment Risks with Confidence



Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
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Investing can be a powerful tool for building wealth, but it also comes with risks that can create significant anxiety for many people. The fear of losing money often prevents individuals from taking the steps necessary to grow their financial future. However, with the right knowledge and strategies, it's possible to navigate investment risks confidently and turn that fear into fortune. This article will explore how to overcome the fear of investing and build a solid foundation for confident and successful investment.

Understanding Investment Risk: Before delving into strategies to navigate investment risks, it is crucial to understand what investment risk entails. Investment risk refers to the possibility that the actual return on an investment will be different from the expected return, including the potential loss of the initial investment. Different types of investments carry different levels of risk, with stocks generally being more volatile than bonds, and speculative assets being riskier than established ones.

Educating Yourself: The first step to overcoming the fear of investing is to educate yourself about the various types of investments and the risks associated with each. Understanding how the stock market works, the factors that influence bond prices, and the principles behind real estate investments can demystify the process and reduce anxiety. Numerous resources, such as books, online courses, and financial

news outlets, can provide valuable insights and build your financial literacy.

Setting Clear Financial Goals: Having clear, specific financial goals can help you stay focused and make informed decisions. Define what you want to achieve with your investments, whether it's saving for retirement, buying a home, or funding your children's education. By understanding your objectives, you can develop a tailored investment strategy that aligns with your risk tolerance and time horizon.

Diversification: One of the most effective strategies for managing investment risk is diversification. This involves spreading your investments across various asset classes, industries, and geographic regions to reduce the impact of any single investment's poor performance on your overall portfolio. A well-diversified portfolio might include a mix of stocks, bonds, real estate, and other assets, which can help smooth out returns and provide a more stable investment experience.

Starting Small: If the fear of investing is holding you back, consider starting with small amounts. Many brokerage firms offer accounts with no minimum investment requirements, allowing you to begin with as little as a few dollars. Starting small can help you gain experience and confidence without exposing you to significant risk. As you become more comfortable, you can gradually increase your investment amounts.

Regular Contributions: Making regular contributions to your investment accounts, regardless of market conditions, can help mitigate risk and take advantage of the power of dollar-cost averaging. This strategy involves investing a fixed amount of money at regular intervals, which can reduce the impact of market volatility. By consistently investing over time, you can buy more shares when prices are low and fewer when prices are high, potentially lowering your average cost per share.

Seeking Professional Advice: If you are unsure about where to start or how to navigate the complexities of investing, seeking professional advice can be invaluable. Financial advisors can provide personalized guidance based on your financial situation, goals, and risk tolerance. They can help you develop a comprehensive investment plan, choose suitable investments, and make adjustments as needed. While there is a cost associated with professional advice, the benefits of informed decision-making can far outweigh the expense.

can help you make informed investment decisions and reduce anxiety. Understanding the broader economic environment and how it affects your investments can provide context and help you stay calm during market fluctuations. However, it's important to avoid information overload and focus on reliable sources that offer objective insights.

Maintaining a Long-Term Perspective: Investing is a long-term endeavor, and market fluctuations are inevitable. Maintaining a long-term perspective can help you stay focused on your goals and avoid making impulsive decisions based on short-term market movements. Remember that markets have historically trended upwards over the long term, and temporary downturns can provide buying opportunities. Embracing the Ups and Downs: Finally, it's essential to embrace the ups and downs of investing. Understanding that risk is an inherent part of the process can help you accept market volatility and view it as an opportunity rather than a threat. By adopting a resilient mindset and focusing on your long-term goals, you can navigate investment risks with confidence and turn your fear into fortune. What Next? The fear of investing is natural, but it shouldn't prevent you from taking steps to secure your financial future. By educating yourself, setting clear goals, diversifying your portfolio, starting small, making regular contributions, seeking professional advice, staying informed, maintaining a long-term perspective, and embracing market volatility, you can navigate investment risks with confidence. Turning fear into fortune requires patience, discipline, and a willingness to learn, but the rewards of a well-executed investment strategy can be life-changing.

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COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF
— Madison High School junior Emmi Dowell has had a strong past few weeks on the Indiana Golf Federation Junior Tour.

On Tuesday, she shot a 75 to win the event at Highland Lake in Richmond, her second win of the summer including a victory at Greensburg last month.

Overall, she has posted 10 top-10 finishes this summer, including a second-place at Sunrise in Madison last week.

Her 120 points currently rank second on the tour.

— The 2024 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeast Indiana golf scramble will be on Saturday, Aug. 24, at Eagle's Haven Golf Course in downtown Madison.

Entry fees is \$200 per team of four players and includes lunch at the end of the round. Since Eagle's Haven is a 9-hole layout, the scramble will involve playing the course twice.

There will be prizes for closest to the pin on Hole

No. 2, longest drive on Hole No. 3, and special opportunities on Holes 6 and 8 as well as chances to buy split the pot tickets. Payout is \$200 plus donated prizes for first place, \$120 and prizes for second, and \$80 and prizes for third.

Registration is at 7:30 a.m. with play beginning at 8 a.m. on the day of scramble. For more info or to reserve a spot, call 812-273-0797 or email bob@bbbssi.org.

— The 2024 Hanover College Summer Cross Country Racing Series is two-thirds of the way completed.

The series has been run on Hanover's championship caliber cross country course in successive Wednesdays starting on July 17. The first race was a 3K and the second was on July 24 as a 4K. The third and final race will be on July 31 and will be a 5K.

The race begins at 7 p.m. and costs \$5. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m.

For more information, contact coach Brady Wells at wellsb@hanover.edu.

— The Hanover Parks Department is teaming up with the Jefferson County Soccer Association to offer fall soccer at Hanover Park.

Divisions are U6, U8 U11 and forms are available in the community building at Hanover Park.

Brian Sachleben will be accepting applications at Hanover Park on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call Scott Davidson at 812-292-4282 or Sachleben at 502-310-8484.

— Applications for the 2024 Hanover Parks Department Fall Volleyball League are now available.

The league is open to kids in grades third through six. Costs is \$30 per child, \$25 for a second child and \$20 for a third. The deadline is Aug. 23.

For more information, contact Scott Davidson at sdavidson@townofhanover.net, 812-806-1042 or 812-292-4282.

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Steer drives in 3 with 3 hits as Reds beat Winans

ATLANTA — Spencer Steer drove in three runs with three extra-base hits, Elly De La Cruz also had three hits, including a home run, and the Cincinnati Reds beat the slumping Atlanta Braves 9-4 on Wednesday.

The second game of a scheduled split double-header was postponed due to inclement weather and has been rescheduled for Sept. 9.

Steer drove in a run with a first-inning triple off Allan Winans (0-2) and had

a two-run double in the fourth. Steer added another double and scored two runs. Jake Fraley also had three hits, including a two-run homer in the first.

Cincinnati won both games of the shortened series.

Steer said the Reds, who had 12 hits, were “spraying line drives all over the field.”

Reds right-hander Frankie Montas allowed four runs on 10 hits and three walks in 4 1/3 innings. Montas loaded

the bases with one-out walks to Orlando Arcia and Zack Short in the fifth. Left-hander Sam Moll (2-1) struck out Kelenic and Nacho Alvarez Jr. to end the inning.

Cincinnati had three stolen bases, including two by De La Cruz, who leads the majors with 51.

REDS 4, BRAVES 1

Hunter Greene allowed only two hits in seven scoreless innings, Will Benson homered and the Cincinnati Reds took

advantage of their speed to beat Reynaldo López and the Atlanta Braves 4-1 on Monday night.

Greene (7-4), making his first start since taking the loss in the All-Star Game, had seven strikeouts. The right-hander has allowed a combined two runs in his last four starts.

Marcell Ozuna had two hits for Atlanta, including a ninth-inning single off Alexis Díaz. Ozuna scored on Eddie Rosario’s sacrifice fly. Díaz walked Adam Duvall and Sean Murphy

before ending the game on Orlando Arcia’s fly ball to left field.

Cincinnati stole four bases, including two by Benson, and leads the majors with 143.

Elly De La Cruz tripled to right field in the first inning and showed his speed while scoring on Jeimer Candelario’s sacrifice fly to shallow right field.

De La Cruz singled in the third and scored from first on Candelario’s double. De La Cruz walked

and stole second — his major league leading 49th — in the fifth, when the Reds stole three bases.

López (7-4) allowed four runs on seven hits and two walks in six innings. His ERA rose to 2.12 in his second consecutive loss.

LEGAL
Board of Zoning Appeals
Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: August 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall-Council Chambers
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of Minutes
C. Renewals
1. Angela Tharp – Conditional Use Permit for a mobile home. Location: 988 Saddletree Ln Zoned: Medium Density Residential (R-8)
One-Year Renewal
2. Margaret Seifert-Russell – Conditional Use Permit for a folk art and doll museum and learning center. Location: 113 E Third St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
One-Year Renewal
3. Sarah E. (Libby) Mann – Conditional Use Permit for a Bed & Breakfast. Location: 409 W First St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
One-Year Renewal
4. Howie & Lisa Cutshall – Conditional Use Permit for a medical facility with multiple doctor offices. Location: 601 Broadway St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
One-Year Renewal
5. Cara Fox – Conditional Use Permit to utilize middle section of building for weddings and/or receptions. Location: 602 W Main St Zoned: Specialty District (SD) Two-Year Renewal
6. CASA of Jefferson County – Conditional Use Permit to provide an office for support staff and volunteers for children advocacy. Location: 319 W Second St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
One-Year Renewal
7. Kevin D. & Denise R. Briery – Conditional Use Permit for a wedding barn and reception venue. Location: 193 N Music Dr Zoned: Residential Agricultural (RA)
Two-Year Renewal
8. Garrett Leahigh – Conditional Use Permit to utilize property as a second residence and short-term rental. No more than one (1) car parked on the street. Location: 312 E Third St Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)
One-Year Renewal
9. Mary Ann Bennett – Conditional Use Permit for a residence with camping on select dates/events and additional occasional use by family/friends. Location: 1011 Fillmore St Zoned: Open Space (OS)
One-Year Renewal
10. Fortino Miranda – Conditional Use Permit for a mobile home. Location: 3684 W Interstate Block Rd Zoned: Residential Agricultural (RA)
One-Year Renewal
11. Rebecca Brown – Conditional Use Permit for short-term rentals. Location: 307 E Fourth St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
One-Year Renewal
12. Kelsey Shaw – Conditional Use Permit for short and long-term rentals. Location: 118 Ferry St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
One-Year Renewal
D. Tabled Applications
E. New Applications
1. **BZVD-24-37:** Kenton Mahoney – Variance from Development Standards for lot acreage to allow for the construction of an addition. Location: 1716 Taylor St Zoned: Residential Agricultural (RA)
2. **BZVD-24-38** David Carlow – Variance from Development Standards for setbacks to allow for the construction of a new detached garage and carport. Location: 747 W Main St Zoned: Specialty District (SD)
3. **BZVD-24-39:** Ryan Rodgers – Variance from Development Standards for setbacks to allow for the construction of an addition located at the rear of the property. Location: 917 W First St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
4. **BZCU-24-56:** Carolina and Ken Mackinlay – Conditional Use Permit for a single-family residence to be used as a short-term rental. Location: 1328 W Second St Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
F. Old Business
G. Motion to adjourn
H. Next meeting: Monday, September 9, 2024
For the purpose of hearing those for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:00 PM in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250. BY ORDER OF THE MADISON CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Ray Dibaya, Associate Planner
As per Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, should contact the Madison City Plan Commission at 812-265-8324 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.

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LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Board of Zoning Appeals will NOT meet August 2024. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. By: Taylor Baulac, Administrative Staff, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals

LEGAL
Plan Commission
Legal Notice
MEETING DATE: August 12, 2024, at 5:30 PM
MEETING PLACE: Madison City Hall, 101 W. Main Street Madison, IN 47250
A. Roll Call
B. Approval of minutes
C. Tabled Applications
D. New Applications
1. **PCRZ-24-7:** Cole Couchman – Application to Amend the Official Zoning Map. The applicant is requesting to rezone parcel ID: 39-08-21-000-025.000-007 from zoning classification M-1 to GB. Location: 1221 Clifty Dr Zoned: Light Manufacturing District (M-1)
2. **PCAF-24-11:** Christopher Owens – Application to Amend Final Plat. The applicant is requesting to split parcel ID: 39-08-34-334-087.000-007. Location: 1118 W Second St Zoned: Medium Density Residential (R-8)
E. Next Meeting: September 9 at 5:30 PM
For the purpose of hearing oral comments concerning the listed applications, a public hearing will be held on August 12, 2024, at 5:30 PM in City Hall, 101 W. Main St., Madison, IN 47250. You are hereby advised that a copy of said proposal is on file for examination before the hearing in the Office of Planning, Preservation, & Design, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250. Written objections to the proposal that are filed with the secretary of the commission before the hearing will be considered. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. BY ORDER OF THE MADISON CITY PLAN COMMISSION
Ray Dibaya, Associate Planner
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Public notice is hereby given to affected property owners pursuant to 170 IAC 4-9-4(f) that within two (2) to six (6) weeks of the date of this notice, weather permitting, Duke Energy Indiana, LLC will be performing vegetation management as part of its power line maintenance program in the area described below. As part of this project, one of its contractors that employ qualified utility line clearance tree workers will be trimming and/or removing trees and brush to clear the lines of vegetation to provide safe and reliable electric service. Vegetation management will be performed in/near Madison on or near streets identified below:

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• N of the substation, E of Madison St, S of Maple Hill Dr, W of Walnut St

The date this notice is published initiates the two (2) week period for calculating implied consent by an affected property owner under 170 IAC 4-9. If you have any questions, you may contact the Duke Energy Vegetation Management toll free number, 866-385-3675.
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The game, which saw the WNBA All-Stars beat the U.S. Olympic team 117-109, easily topped the 1.44 million that viewed the 2003 contest. Saturday's game peaked with more than 4 million viewers.

It was the third most viewed WNBA event ever and the largest audience for the league since its first two nationally televised games in 1997.

Last year's game, which was also on prime time TV, drew 850,000 viewers.

This was the 17th WNBA game this season that has had more than 1 million viewers with rookie Caitlin Clark

appearing in 15 of them. The Fever rookie had four points and 10 assists in Saturday's contest.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On or about October 28, 2022, Jefferson County applied to the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs for a grant from the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. This program is funded by Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project which includes a Housing Owner-Occupied Rehab Program with the following activities: Rehabilitation of scattered owner-occupied homes within Jefferson County. The total amount of CDBG funds to be awarded is \$250,000.00. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low- and moderate-income persons is approximately \$175,200. The Applicant also proposed to expend an estimated \$175,200 in non-CDBG funds on the project. The non-CDBG funds will be derived from the USDA Housing Preservation Grant Program.

Jefferson County will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm, at the Troy Morgan/Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 600 Green Road, Madison, Indiana, to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded CDBG project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact the Commissioner's office located at 300 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250, (812)265-8944, not later than Friday, August 2, 2024. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of Friday, August 2, 2024, at the office of the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission – 405 W US 50; PO 765, Versailles, IN 47042, (812) 689-5505 between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Patty Jackson - Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission – 405 W US 50; PO 765, Versailles, IN 47042, (812) 689-5505, no later than Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by Jefferson County and is available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses.

For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Patty Jackson of the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission – 405 West U.S. 50; P.O. Box 765, Versailles, IN 47042, (812) 689-5505.



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ACROSS

1 Slender

5 Inclined platform

9 Parts to play

14 Lack of difficulty

15 Laptop brand

16 Occurrence

17 Pine or poplar

18 Six-___ highway

19 Shabby-looking

20 Capri pants: 2 wds.

23 ___ Lanka

24 Parachute material

25 Sedan, e.g.

28 Wiggly fish

31 Tiny hamburger

35 Eggs, medically

36 Natives of China or Japan

38 People waiting

39 Chain ___ (type of armor)

41 In olden days

42 Pulldown muscles, for short

43 Pint-sized

44 Dog varieties

47 Allow

48 Actress Milano

50 Minor mistake

51 Fourth-year students: Abbr.

52 "___ is the last straw!"

54 Was benched

56 Western Conference WNBA team: 2 wds.

61 Smell awful

63 Hard to find

64 Made a bow

66 Blender setting

67 Element in hemoglobin

68 Purple berry

69 Gives a meal to

70 Historian's study

71 Tons

DOWN

1 Vietnamese holiday

2 Stringed instrument

3 "Got it": 2 wds.

4 Has to have

5 Comes from behind

6 Put ___ on (limit): 2 wds.

7 List of choices

8 Freedom of the ___

9 Scalp, as tickets

10 Way too much

11 Wine sediment

12 Finish

13 Pig's home

21 Locale

22 Snake's sound

25 Pause

26 Be of use to

27 Wet, as weather

29 One who spreads falsehoods

30 Wise people

32 Clock parts

33 Put in

34 Takes five

37 "The First ___"

40 Lent an ear

44 Fisherman's supply

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7/26/24

Today's Puzzle Solved

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45 Minority

46 Expectorated

49 Milk drinks

53 Get naked

55 Sum

56 Title for a king

57 "___ Croft: Tomb Raider"

58 Greek love god

59 Puerto ___

60 No-no for vegetarians

61 Banana Boat rating: Abbr.

62 Monday follower: Abbr.

65 Trash-talk

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ACROSS

1 Fire-___ prices

5 Poses for a portrait

9 Financial portfolio item

14 Gunk

15 Sour-tasting

16 Barrel part

17 Brazilian berry

18 Actor Epps

19 Person on a trail

20 Veggie-based dessert: 2 wds.

23 Hair-curling treatment

24 On the ___ (fleeing)

25 Plumbing duct

27 Lovingly touched

32 Stealthy warriors

36 Have to repay

37 One claimed at tax time

39 Molten rock

42 Bearded animal

43 Nail polish brand

44 Lacking in intelligence

46 Draw upon

47 Mail: 2 wds.

48 Adopted, as a cause

52 Frisbee shape

54 Our star

55 Punxsutawney ___

58 Extended work leave

64 Accounting review

66 Playwright

67 Coward

67 Scotch and ___

68 Gain traction online

69 Actor Driver

70 Probability

71 Deer with antlers

72 Permits

73 Termites' home

DOWN

1 "The Lion King" villain

2 Gateway ___ (St. Louis landmark)

3 Hawaiian party

4 Safe to eat

5 Nasty weather

6 Poetic foot

7 Ensnare

8 Vegas area

9 Light blonde shade

10 Regular payments

11 "For Pete's ___!"

12 At any time

13 Semester, e.g.

21 Smallish batteries

22 German number

26 Evergreen tree

27 Haircare tools

28 Clued in

29 "King Lear" daughter

30 Slight advantage

31 Slow on the uptake

33 "___ Christ Superstar"

34 Five-spice ingredient

35 Noble horse

38 "___ in Boots"

40 So-so

41 Prefix meaning "against"

45 Sports defeat

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Today's Puzzle Solved

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49 Biblical book of poems

50 Not at home

51 Synchronized action

53 Manmade waterway

55 Gentle touches

56 Injured

57 Notion

59 Predict

60 Dead tired

61 Programmer's output

62 Contributes

63 Endure

65 Six-point plays: Abbr.

Grandmother critiqued over folding laundry

Dear Eric: I am a youngish widow with an empty nest. Last year, I moved to be near my daughter to help her with her young twins. My daughter and her husband have jobs that require them to leave home at about 6 a.m. I arrive at their home at 6, and they leave.

While I wait for the kids to wake up, I do a few chores. These are not deep-cleaning, just things I would have loved to come home to as a working mom with young kids. I unload the dishwasher, clean up the kitchen, gather up any laundry, run a load of wash and fold whatever clean clothes are in the dryer. By this time the kids are waking up. They are 3 years old and not fully potty-trained. So, I am busy changing, feeding, dressing them and then taking them to daycare. Sometimes, the laundry doesn't get folded "right." By that, I mean I put all the kids' clothes in one stack, my son-in-law's in a stack, my daughter's in a stack and towels in another.

Frequently, the clothes come out of the dryer inside out. I am quickly folding, feeding and cleaning. My daughter has indicated my son-in-law is not happy with the way I fold the clothes and sometimes I just fold the T-shirts and don't turn them

right side out. I am tempted to just leave his clothes in the dryer, but that seems petty. I don't want to interfere in her marriage, but I would appreciate an outside opinion.

— Clothes'd Off

Dear Clothes'd: Once, a friend of the family came to babysit me and my brothers while my parents were away. She did a load of laundry and folded the towels in halves. We, as a family, fold the towels in thirds. My brothers and I found this outrageous. But when my parents came home, they were just grateful to have had the help.

Your daughter should stop reporting to you about what your son-in-law likes or doesn't like in regards to the laundry. Getting this help is a privilege. And, at the end of the day, the clothes are going to get unfolded and put on.

We all like the aspects of our home lives to be as we'd like them to be, but your son-in-law is making a mountain out of a pile of T-shirts.

Ask your daughter, "Would you rather I leave the laundry alone?" Maybe the answer is yes, which feels like a foolish choice on their part. However, if that is what they want, you may want to follow up by asking who will be doing the laundry if not you. The task shouldn't automatically fall to your daughter, especially if it's your son-in-law who is chock full of opinions.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Think twice if someone is ready to negotiate. Frequently changing terms and conditions might make a deal more trouble than it is worth. It might be best to put potential changes to an agreement on the back burner for now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Someone in your environment or circle could receive all the attention, but that may be just fine with you. Shifting conditions might provide an opportunity to experiment with something entirely new or allow you to choose different goals.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Although it may be satisfying to be on the winning team, remember to be gracious and shake hands with everyone. If a valid opportunity comes along, it may not have any strings attached, giving you the chance to recognize its value.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The greatest gift you can give to others is to allow them to be themselves. Things may change in an unpredictable manner, but perhaps there could be a silver lining. Don't be discouraged by minor setbacks or temporary professional disappointments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You display a confident and open-minded demeanor that attracts new friends. Your new contacts could lead to some new opportunities. Something new may feel unfamiliar now but with a little practice, you'll get the hang of it in no time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Remember, it's totally fine to set needed boundaries. It might feel wonderful to help friends, but your generosity shouldn't leave you stretched too thin. It's okay to say "no" when you need to protect your energy and peace of mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your constant tasks

may require you to work harder than usual to meet deadlines or reach goals. Be ready to accept someone's offer of unquestioning support. Your dedication and willingness to compromise could soon be rewarded.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may get inspiration from current events and trends. You might find enlightenment if you follow good advice and pay attention to the wise ideas and opinions of those you look up to. Be thoughtful about ways to secure your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Strive to make good things even better. Your tendency for precision makes you the perfect person for tasks that require great detail. Consider taking a levelheaded approach when it comes to your routine and be kindhearted with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Be generous with loved ones and fair with everyone. Consider separating your professional and personal life. Your expertise may come in handy at times, but it could sometimes get in the way of getting along well with other people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Be prepared to go after opportunities that come your way. You may make it a priority to set important plans in motion and trust that whatever you begin could receive a helping hand. You are optimistic yet very purposeful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Find someone tuned into the same channel and interests as you. Communication might be blocked by too much formality. Everyone might be so careful not to offend anyone that conversation could dry up with little left to say.

Grandmother not permitted at hospital for birth

Dear Eric: My only son is expecting his first child in early July. I have been recently told by my son that his wife does not want anyone at the hospital, except for my son.

I am devastated. My parents, sister and husband are all gone. It was family time in the hospital when my son was born. I cannot comprehend the fact my daughter-in-law will not allow me to be part of this joyful time.

To be clear, I have no desire to participate in the birth process, only to be able to hold my first grandchild during their stay at the hospital before they go home and the chaos begins. Any suggestions?

— Heartbroken Hospital Visitor

Dear Visitor: This special moment, with its firsts and its unknowns, is naturally stirring up a lot of emotions. It sounds like some of those happy and nervous emotions are bringing up your grief. That is also natural.

Try not to put all of your emotional expectations on this hospital visit. Your daughter-in-law is not specifically excluding you. Notably, her parents are also not on the invite list.

Focus on the parts of this new life stage that feel hopeful. Perhaps you and your daughter's parents can lend a hand to get the house ready for the return. Perhaps you'll

be a welcome antidote to the coming chaos. You will have so many chances to hold your new grandchild. If you can gently release

this aspect of your plan, I think you'll find relief, and beyond that — joyful excitement.

Dear Eric: I met someone in real life, and I asked — via Messenger — if she would like to hang out. The icons on Messenger say she has not seen the message.

If I contacted her, I might say that I had sent a message through Messenger, and she didn't appear to have seen it, and if she hasn't seen it, she might want to look, and if she has seen

it, then I'm sorry for this superfluous second message, which she can ignore. Or maybe that's pushing too much?

— Messenger Missive Messiness

Dear Messenger: It's good to have healthy boundaries with potential friends, but you don't have to be as concerned about making a misstep with this particular person.

If you'll actually be in the same room soon, try starting over the next time you see her. Strike up a conversation. Ask about shared interests or hobbies. If the conversation is going well, you may choose to say, "I'm not sure if you saw, but I sent you a message about the possibility of hanging out. No pressure: but if it sounds appealing to you, I'm still game."

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Exercising common sense and communicating your viewpoints may be more important than getting the best end of a deal. Consider putting your tasks away and spending quality time with friends and loved ones over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may yearn for more freedom in your life and thrive when exposed to exciting new acquaintances and situations that invigorate your senses. Keeping an objective view could help smooth things over for everyone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You might be able to heal a rift or solve a problem by asking for help from someone who has the inside track. Avoid the skeptics and make the effort to connect with people who support you living fully in the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Consider undiscovered ways to indulge in artistic improvement. You might exercise and enrich your mind by picking up a new hobby. Enjoy being inspired by friends or acquaintances when you attend community events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your instincts may be heightened, so you recognize every spark of friendliness. Innovative ideas could go viral and brighten your day. Consider indulging in life's simple pleasures and you may break free from the mundane.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Patience could lead to remarkable things. Issues may resolve themselves within no time. Consider giving someone the love and attention they may deserve, even if they seem to be self-isolating. A trending concept may be inspiring.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Find a friend or make a new contact so you may gather feedback or

test drive some ideas. Sometimes, a temporary connection might be just what can lift your spirits more than a relationship with someone you've known for a while.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Being in the right place at the right time might have great benefits. There could be a good chance that extra money may find its way into your bank account over the next day or two. Consider whether to go ahead and treat yourself to something nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — A balanced point of view could be the key to resolving any conflicts. If there is a mix-up, staying calm and seeking clarity could prevent a mountain building itself out of a molehill. Consider seeking habits that bring you peace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Positive actions might balance the scales of justice in your favor. Consider moving on if someone has been trying your patience or acting inconsistent. Shift gears and concentrate on doing something that fulfills your passion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — A friendly approach could work wonders if you are interested in making new acquaintances. This might be a great weekend to explore someplace new, try a new hobby, or to meet new people who share your special interests.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may endure things that can't be changed or controlled. There can be great benefits in being patient and not giving in to sudden impulses. Something that may be causing aggravation may not be an issue too much longer.

Restart rules questioned after unusual Brickyard finish

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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INDIANAPOLIS — Ryan Blaney thought he was perfectly positioned to win the Brickyard 400 on Sunday.

He drove down Indianapolis Motor Speedway's front straightaway leading the outside lane of cars to the second-to-last restart, fully expecting to inherit the lead when race leader Brad Keselowski ran out of fuel.

Instead, as Keselowski's slowing car pulled off the track, Kyle Larson, who was running third directly behind Keselowski, pulled next to Blaney on the preferred inside line, made the pass for the lead and did it again on the final restart to seal his first Brickyard victory.

While Larson celebrated by kissing Indy's famed yard of bricks, Blaney was lamenting what just happened and whether NASCAR officials should have done something different.

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Larson played it by the book.

The cars were already near or in the restart zone when Keselowski pulled off and Cup rules don't allow for changing the restart order, even if the leader drops out late. In fact, had the same situation occurred further back in the running order, another driver likely would have done exactly the same thing as Larson.

Blaney responded on his radio with an angry, profane rant, saying Cup officials "gave" Larson the victory.

But Blaney and Larson both chose their place in line for the same reason — each knew Keselowski was low on fuel and each wanted to take advantage when he ran out.

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afterward that if the race remained under caution for one more lap, current rules would have made Blaney the control car but would not have allowed to change lanes.

"We had already gone through the choose process, so we were coming to green when (Keselowski) pulled off, which allowed (Larson) to pull up and transferred control to (Blaney)," Sawyer told NASCAR's digital platform. "This all happens fairly quick. Hindsight, I think we still would have let that play out the way we did. We'll discuss that more."

Sawyer and others now have a rare two-week Olympic break to consider their options and whether anything needs to be changed or clarified.

But even if NASCAR modified the rule, it

will be of little solace to Blaney.

"I don't even know what to get mad about," Blaney said after finishing third. "I am mad about losing this race because I thought we were in the perfect position. Once I lost control of the race, obviously I would have been on the bottom, but I thought (Keselowski) would run out in the restart zone or on the back. It stinks to lose it that way."

While Larson understood why Blaney was upset, he also knew the rule.

"If I was in his position, maybe," he said when asked about turning another lap under yellow to reorder the cars. "The way the rule is written, it's not (possible)."

And now the defending Cup champion, who was seeking his first Brickyard win and wanted to give team owner Roger Penske a sweep of the season's two biggest races on the revered track he owns in Indianapolis, is left to contemplate what could have been.

"We came to the restart, and I couldn't believe they stayed out, there was no way they were going to make it," Blaney said, referring to Keselowski. "I, obviously, chose the top because he might run out in the restart zone and he winds up coming to the green, so he gets to go to pit road and (Larson) gets promoted. Luck of the day right there, I guess."


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